

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of all the claims is as follows:

Claims 1 to 15. (Cancelled).

Claim 16 to 28. (Cancelled).

Claims 29 to 47. (Cancelled).

Claim 48. (Previously Presented).

A method of filling a bag with a material and sealing a bag; the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an empty collapsed bag on a bag holder;
- (b) opening the bag;
- (c) filling the bag with material;
- (d) grasping the opposed top edges of the bag with a pair of grabber arms;
- (e) pulling the grasped top edges of the bag apart;
- (f) delivering the bag to a sealing apparatus; and
- (g) sealing the bag,

wherein step (f) includes the steps of providing a pair of finger assemblies and moving the finger assemblies up, over, and down over the top edges of the bag.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented).

The method of claim 48, further comprising the step of moving finger assemblies away from each other to close the opening of the bag.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented).

The method of claim 48, further comprising the step of moving the bag toward the sealing apparatus while the finger assemblies are moving away from each other.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented).

The method of claim 48, wherein step (e) is being conducted while step (f) is being conducted.

Claims 52 to 57. (Cancelled).

Claim 58. (Previously Presented).

A method of filling a bag with a material and sealing a bag; the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an empty collapsed bag on a bag holder;
- (b) filling the bag with material;
- (c) grasping the opposed top edges of the bag with a pair of finger assemblies that move inwardly and

down to grasp the top edges of the bag, the motion being with respect to the bag;

- (d) delivering the bag to a sealing apparatus; and
- (e) sealing the bag.

Claim 59. (Previously Presented).

The method of claim 58, further comprising the step of moving finger assemblies away from each other to close the opening of the bag.

Claim 60. (Previously Presented).

The method of claim 58, further comprising the step of moving the bag toward the sealing apparatus while the finger assemblies are moving away from each other.